



003015.098149

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Berger et al.
Serial No.: 10/021,373 Art Unit: 1742
Filed: October 22, 2001 Examiner: Kathleen A. McNelis
For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR MELTING DOWN METAL-
CONTAINING MATERIALS
Customer No.: 29540

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

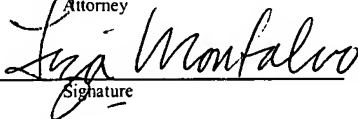
Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this response to the non-final office action mailed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 31, 2005. A response to the Office Action was due January 31, 2006. A petition for a one-month extension of time is filed herewith along with the associated fee pursuant §1.17(a).

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on February 10, 2006.

Liza Montalvo

Attorney



Signature

February 10, 2006

Date of Signature

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 50-1145.